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SUBJECT: DECEMBER S AND T SUBCOMMISSION MEETING

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1. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, WE HAVE LITTLE TIME REMAINING BEFORE SUBCOMMISSION MEETS DECEMBER 9-11 IN NEW DELHI TO PUT TOGETHER USEFUL PROGRAM. THIS MESSAGE RUNS OVER GROUND AS WE SEE IT.

2. WE HAVE ASKED U.S. SCIENCE AGENCIES TO SUBMIT BY OCTOBER 27 PROPOSALS AND RELATED SUGGESTIONS IN RESPONSE TO GOI SUBMISSIONS, TALKS WITH NAG CHAUDHURI AND AGENCY STAFF VISITS TO INDIA. WE HOPE TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS WHICH CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS BEING GENERATED BY THE S AND T SUBCOMMISSION AND WHICH LIE IN ONE OF PRIORITY AREAS AGREED ON DURING LAST S AND T SUBCOMMISSION MEETING AND APPROVED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION IN ITS OCTOBER 6-7

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SESSION.

3. WE ARE ALSO EXPLORING OTHER WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN FILL OUT WORK OF S AND T SUBCOMMISSION. IDEA WHICH HAVE OCCURRED TO US, AND WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO FLOAT WITH YOU FOR COMMENT ARE:

A) BINATIONAL SEMINARS ON SPECIFIC TOPICS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A FORUM FOR SCIENTISTS TO EXCHANGE IDEAS. SCIENTISTS COULD DELIVER REPORTS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN SPECIFIC AREAS AND HAVE THEM DISCUSSED BY THEIR PEERS. WE ARE THINKING OF ABOUT TWO SEMINARS A YEAR (ONE IN INDIA AND ONE IN U.S.) TO BE HOSTED BY APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS IN EACH COUNTRY.

B) CONSIDERATION OF INSTITUTIONAL FOCAL POINTS IN U.S. AND INDIA TO SPUR NON-GOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE COOPERATION.

4. WE WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY THOUGHTS ON THESE TWO OR OTHER IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE. OBVIOUS QUESTION OF FUNDING NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED, BUT WE THINK BY THE TIME OF DECEMBER SUBCOMMISSION MEETING WE SHOULD BE READY FOR SOME ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. SINCE GOI IS HOST FOR FORTHCOMING SUBCOMMISSION MEETING WE BELIEVE THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAWING UP DRAFT AGENDA. FOCUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR MEETING SHOULD BE IN NEW DELHI. IN ORDER TO MOVE AHEAD WOULD LIKE INDIA AGENDA PROPOSAL ASAP.

6. WE SHALL, OF COURSE, SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS AT THIS END, AND WE ARE PLANNING TO REFINE OUR THINKING NEXT WEEK ON:

- POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS.

- SCIENCE AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROJECTS TO BE PUT TO THE SUBCOMMISSION.

- NEW PROPOSAL OTHER THAN JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMS.

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- COMPOSITION OF U.S. DELEGATION TO SUBCOMMISSION MEETING

WE WILL REPORT WHATEVER CONSENSUS DEVELOPS BUT NEED INDIAN INPUT PROMPTLY. KISSINGER

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